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SUBJECT: KUWAIT RULER TO VISIT SUDAN

- 1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED FEB 23 RULER OF KUWAIT TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT HERE MARCH 18-21. AL-AYYAM OF SAME DAY INTERVIEWED SHEIKH NASIR SABAH AL-AHMAD (SON GOK FONMIN), WHO IN KHARTOUM FOR SIGNING OF KENANA SUGAR AGREEMENT (SEPTEL). ON FEB 24, QUOTE HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION UNQUOTE CONSISTING OF ABDELAZIZ HUSAYN, MINSTATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS, KHALID AL-KHARAFI, UNDERSECRETARY, MIN OF COMMERCE; MASUD AL-FAWZAN AND AHMED ABDAL WAHID AL-IYUBI ARRIVED IN SUDAN ON QUOTE PRIVATE VISIT UNQUOTE. HUSAYN TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WILL BE RETURNING HERE WITH RULER.
- 2. RULER'S VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER
 1973, BUT POSTPONED DUE AFTERMATH OCTOBER WAR. IT
 WILL BE OCCURRING IN WAKE FALL OF EX-FINMIN IBRAHIM
 MONEIM MANSOUR, ONE-TIME MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KUWAITI-OWNED
 GULF INTERNATIONAL, AND THUS MAY WELL REPRESENT GOK EFFORT
 BUTTRESS ITS SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HERE. GOS,
 IN TURN, MAY BE SEEKING GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE SUPPORT
 (NECESSITATED BY DROP IN COMMODITY PRICES) AND NO DOUBT
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